

# TEXAS AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE COUNCIL SUMMER CO-OP INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

## OBJECTIVES

HANDS-ON LEARNING: GAIN REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE IN HOW AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES OPERATE ON A DAILY BASIS AND WHY THEY'RE SO VALUABLE TO AGRIBUSINESSES

SKILL DEVELOPMENT: ENHANCE YOUR PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN A DYNAMIC ENVIRONMENT

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES: CONNECT WITH INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS AND EXPAND YOUR NETWORK

APPLIED KNOWLEDGE: PUT YOUR CLASSROOM LEARNING INTO PRACTICE THROUGH PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

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## WORK



INTERN WITH A CO-OP IN TEXAS THAT OFFERS A DIVERSE RANGE OF PRODUCTS AND SERVICES IN COTTON, GRAIN, AND FARM SUPPLY OPERATIONS WHILE GAINING REAL-LIFE EXPERIENCE IN AREAS SUCH AS MARKETING, ACCOUNTING, SALES, AND OPERATIONS.

## LEARN



BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN EDUCATION AND PRACTICE BY UNDERSTANDING THE COOPERATIVE BUSINESS MODEL AND GROWING YOUR PROFESSIONAL SKILLSET - YOU'LL LEARN WHAT IT TAKES TO SUCCEED IN AGRIBUSINESS!

## EARN



THIS IS A PAID INTERNSHIP WITH HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES VARYING BASED ON HOSTING CO-OP, AND IT HAS THE POTENTIAL FOR ACADEMIC CREDIT. INTERNS ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND AN INDUSTRY-WIDE MEETING IN JULY.

## REQUIREMENTS

- MUST HAVE COMPLETED AT LEAST YOUR SOPHOMORE YEAR AT A 4-YEAR UNIVERSITY
- A MINIMUM CUMULATIVE GPA OF 2.5

## PREFERRED

- MAJOR IN AGRICULTURE OR RELATED FIELD
- STRONG COMMUNICATION SKILLS, ESPECIALLY WITH AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS
- SELF-MOTIVATED, ADAPTABLE, AND EAGER TO LEARN
- EXPERIENCE OR INTEREST IN COTTON GINNING, GRAIN, OR FARM SUPPLY
- RELEVANT COURSEWORK IN AREAS SUCH AS ACCOUNTING, COMMUNICATIONS, AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS, AND SOIL SCIENCE



2025 TACC SUMMER CO-OP INTERNS





# TEXAS AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE COUNCIL

# SUMMER CO-OP INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

## 1) APPLICATION:

- SUBMIT A ONE-PAGE COVER LETTER AND RESUME (IN PDF FORMAT) TO CHRISTY LEWIS (CHRISTY@TEXAS.COOP) BY JANUARY 31, 2026
  - INCLUDE RURAL TEXAS AREAS WHERE YOU HAVE FAMILY OR FRIENDS WHO COULD PROVIDE HOUSING DURING THE INTERNSHIP.
- SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO SCHEDULE AN INTERVIEW.

## 2) INTERVIEW:

- INTERVIEWS WILL BE CONDUCTED AND RECORDED VIA ZOOM WITH TACC STAFF. A FOLLOW-UP INTERVIEW WITH THE CO-OP MAY BE SCHEDULED, AS WELL.

## 3) PLACEMENT:

- TACC MATCHES CANDIDATES WITH HOST CO-OPS THAT ALIGN WITH THEIR INTERESTS AND CAREER GOALS, ENSURING A PRODUCTIVE INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE FOR BOTH PARTIES.

## 4) FORMAL HIRING:

- INTERNS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THEIR PLACEMENT BY TACC, AND THEN THE HOST CO-OP MANAGER WILL HANDLE THE ONBOARDING PROCESS.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

## WHAT IS A COOPERATIVE?

- A COOPERATIVE IS A TYPE OF BUSINESS FORMED, OWNED AND GOVERNED BY ITS MEMBERS; IN THIS CASE, THE FARMERS WHO TRADE THEIR COMMODITIES WITH THE CO-OP

## WHERE DID COOPERATIVES COME FROM?

- THE COOPERATIVE BUSINESS MODEL GREW POPULAR IN THE 1920S AND 1930S DURING PERIODS OF ECONOMIC ADVERSITY PRIMARILY FOR THREE REASONS:
  - 1) NECESSARY PROCESSING SERVICES WERE NOT PROVIDED IN THE AREA
  - 2) CO-OPS WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE THESE SERVICES AT A MORE COMPETITIVE PRICE
  - 3) THIS ALLOWED FARMERS TO CONSOLIDATE MARKET POWER AND COMPETE AGAINST LARGER CORPORATIONS

## WHAT IS TEXAS AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE COUNCIL'S ROLE?

- AS AN ORGANIZATION, TACC SERVES AS THE VOICE OF COOPERATIVES
  - THEY DO THIS BY REPRESENTING AND FURTHERING THE INTERESTS OF THESE AGRIBUSINESSES IN THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE IN AUSTIN
  - THEY ARE ALSO THE PREMIERE EDUCATION AND TRAINING ORGANIZATION FOR ALL LEVELS OF THE CO-OP BUSINESS STRUCTURE.
- IN AN INTERNSHIP CAPACITY, TACC SERVES AS THE COORDINATING PLACEMENT AGENCY TO MATCH INTERESTED STUDENTS WITH A HOSTING COOPERATIVE AND MANAGER

## HOW CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT THE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM OR THE COOPERATIVE BUSINESS MODEL?

- CHRISTY CAN BE REACHED BY EMAIL (CHRISTY@TEXAS.COOP) OR BY PHONE AT (512) 450-0555